

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that the Town of West Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department and the Springville Fire Department have been awarded federal fire grants.

“Firefighters are on the front lines every day, protecting lives and saving property. They deserve modern equipment and the best in safety gear. This grant program helps ensure that fire companies have the necessary resources to quickly and effectively respond to emergency calls,” Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grants.

Town of West Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department – \$55,765

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Operations and Safety Grant for the replacement of old

self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)

Chief James Nix said, “This grant will allow us to purchase equipment that we would not otherwise have been able to obtain without the support of the award. This will better equip our fire department to help the community and will also protect the lives of our firefighters.”

Springville Fire Department - \$125,148

Operations and Safety Grant for the replacement of all self-contained breathing apparatus

Chief Richard Harvey said, “This grant program has been very valuable. A department of our size, especially with an economy in the shape ours is in right now, could not afford to make these upgrades with this support. I hope this program continues to receive funding.”

Funds awarded under the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) program are used to meet the firefighting and emergency needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated medical services organizations. Only the applications most closely conforming to program priorities are considered and scored by peer review panels.

The program is administered by the U.S.
Department of Homeland Security.